REQUEST Application Number 10/540,521 **FOR** Confirmation Number 5337 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) June 24, 2005 Filing Date **TRANSMITTAL** Hiromichi KOMORI First Named Inventor MAIL STOP RCE Group Art Unit 1617 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Paul E. ZAREK Examiner Name Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Matter Number Q94277 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, REMEDY FOR DEGENERATIVE provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS Title This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. □ Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 i. 🗆 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii.□ b. Enclosed i. 🗹 Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. □ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iii.□ Petition for Extension of Time iv. 🗆 v. Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. Other 3. FEES The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$810.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373

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